

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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June, 9 2008

TO:

Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION:

Natural Resources Commission

Transaction:

State Forest Land Acquisition

Pigeon River Country Management Unit - Otsego County

The August Tract

Land Transaction Case #20070233

Purchase Price:

83.0 acres - \$190,000.00

Description:

Otsego County, Corwith Township, T32N, R02W, the NE ¼

of the NE 1/4; AND the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 3.

Sellers:

Kenneth and Sylvia Swadling, Indian River, Michigan Coby and Kimberly August, Indian River, Michigan Pete and Shirley August, Indian River, Michigan Randy and Cindy August, Indian River, Michigan Michael and Karen Vizina, Indian River, Michigan Verne and Joanne Sutton, Indian River, Michigan

Option Expires:

August 1, 2008

Property Taxes:

The property taxes for 2007 were \$1,114.40

Authority:

Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice:

This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department)

June 30, 2008 Calendar and is eligible for approval on July 7, 2008.

Comments:

The offered private parcel is located in northeast Otsego County,

approximately seven miles northeast of the Village of Vanderbilt. The property is situated within the 118,000-acre Pigeon River Country

Management Unit.

The offered 83.0-acre forest recreation parcel is divided into two parts. The northeast parcel is bordered by State-owned land on three sides, and a seasonal county-maintained roadway on the north. The southwest parcel is completely surrounded by State-owned land. The parcel has a rolling topography and is heavily wooded with northern hardwoods.

Acquisition of this private in-holding will consolidate ownership, eliminate 1.5 mile of property boundary, prevent fractionalization of the land-base, increase public recreational opportunities, and secure additional wildlife habitat.

The purchase will include all mineral rights owned by the sellers.

Recommendation:

That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Forest Land Consolidation Initiative, as approved in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.

David E. Freed, Chief Land and Facilities Douglas A. Reeves, Acting Chief Wildlife

Lynne M. Boyd, Chief Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

Arminda S. Koch Resource Management Deputy

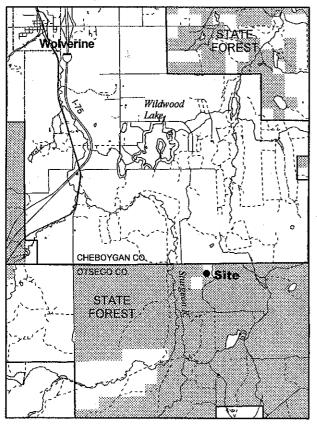
Dennis R. Fedewa Chief Deputy

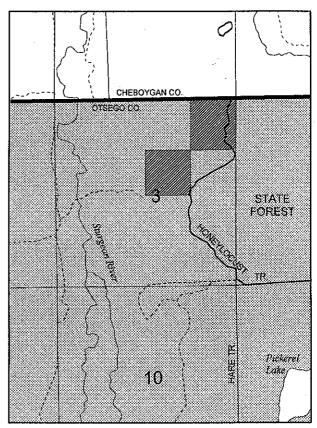
I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries Director

Date Approved

STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION Pigeon River Country Management Unit - Otsego County Land Transaction Case #20070233





Regional Location

Section 3, T32N, R02W, Corwith Township

- State Forest Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR (83.00 acres \$190,000.00)
- State Land
- Private Land



